

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 11, 19 and 20 are pending. By this Amendment Claims 10 and 12-18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 9, 11, 19 and 20 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at least at page 20, line 20 through page 21, line 18 and Fig. 4.

The Office Action rejects Claims 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 9, 11, 19 and 20 are amended to obviate this rejection.

The Office Action rejects Claims 9 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over USP 5,890,735 to Smith and Claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Smith in view of USP 7,111,558 to Brede et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Smith does not disclose an open area of the non-through hole being equal to or larger than a rupture open area of the non-through hole as in amended independent Claim 9. As discussed in the specification at page 21, line 11, the rupture open area of the non-through holes 6e through which the conductive pins 4d do not pass is indicated by "E" in Figure 4 and is substantially equivalent to the overlapping area of the base portion 6f of the non-through hole 6e of the holder 6 and the open area F of the hole 6g opened through the reinforcement member 26. Thus, the open area is equal to or larger than the rupture open area. This feature is not disclosed by Smith.

Brede et al. does not provide the deficiencies of Smith. Instead, Brede et al. disclose openings 8 that improve the interlocking of the metal insert 3 with plastic. See Brede et al. at column 3, line 31 *et seq.*

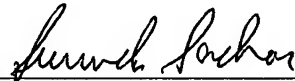
The dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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